

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the last Office Action herein, which action was dated July 2, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 6-12, inclusive, 14 and 15, on various technical and prior art grounds, indicated the allowability of claim 10, suggested certain changes on pages 1 and 4 in the specification, and objected to a discrepancy between the text in the specification and Fig. 5 in the drawings.

In the Specification, changes have been made to the specification in line with the Examiner's suggestions, and an amended abstract of the disclosure is presented,

In the Claims, claims 6 and 10 have been currently amended, claims 1-5 and 7-9, inclusive, 11, 12, 14 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Drawings, a correction in Fig. 5 drawings has been made.

With these changes introduced into this case, both claims (6 and 10) remaining in this case on the basis of entry of this amendment, are believed now to be formally allowable.

Inasmuch as all but claims 6 and 10 have been cancelled from this case, no comments are addressed here regarding the specific rejections and objections addressed by the Examiner to those claims. With regard to a relationship between those rejections and objections to currently amended claims 6 and 10, all of the Examiner's points have been directly addressed.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) on the basis of Tao et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,536,052 B2, and Japanese reference JP 07-96046, neither reference recognizes the important consideration, which forms an important part of the present invention, that a structural helmet can be formed by the spray deposition of a pair of vapor-suspension deposition materials on the opposite sides of a pliable core, whereby the spray-

deposition layers that result become the load-bearing structural elements in a helmet. This dual spray-deposition feature of the invention is clearly set forth in claim 1, and is not in any way made obvious by prior art which fails to recognize the just-mentioned central feature of the present invention.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this application, an allowance of the two remaining claims, are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at 503-504-2271.

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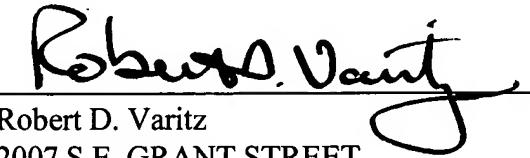
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